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Welcome to LIEPP!

External validity in policy evaluation seminar, June, 6th, 2023

LIEPP's research groups

- Educational policies
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- Discriminations and category-based policies
- Evaluation of democracy
- Health policies
- Environmental policies

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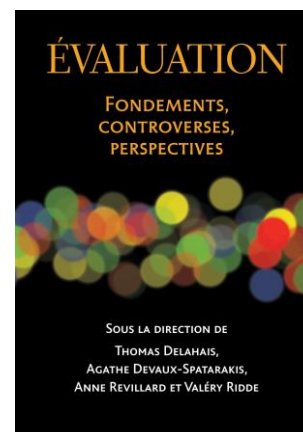
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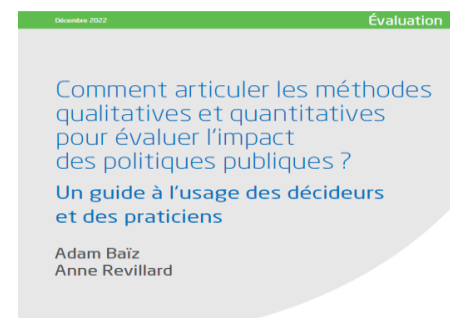
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Guide



LIEPP methods briefs

LIEPP methods briefs present a variety of approaches and methods of evaluation in a concise and accessible way, including quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods. Their aim is to facilitate the appropriation of these methods and approaches by a diverse audience: researchers who are not specialized in these methods, policy stakeholders, civil society, and students (educational material).

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Part 1: Quantitative methods

Randomized controlled trials - Carlo Barone
Diff-in-diff - Nicolas Jacquemet and Denis Fougère
Discontinuity regression - Nicolas Jacquemet and Denis Fougère
Matching methods - Pauline Givord
Micro-simulations - Mathias André
Laboratory experimentation - Lou Safra
Testing - Nicolas Jacquemet
Cost-effectiveness analysis Thomas Rapp

Part 2: Qualitative methods

Direct observation/ethnography - Nicolas Fischer
Semi-structured interview - Clément Pin
Focus groups - Ana Manzano
Group interviews - Charlotte Halpern
Case studies - Valéry Ridde, Abdourahmane Coulibaly, Lara Gautier
Process tracing - Estelle Raimondo
Comparative historical analysis - Emanuele Ferragina

Part 3: Mixed methods and cross-cutting approaches

Mixed methods - Pierre Pluye
Mixed Literature Reviews - Quan Nha Hong
Macro-level comparisons - Emanuele Ferragina
Comparative qualitative analysis (QCA) - Valérie Pattyn
Theory-based evaluation - Agathe Devaux
Realist evaluation - Sarah Louart, Habibata Balde, Emilie Robert, Valéry Ridde
Contribution analysis - Thomas Delahais
Outcome harvesting - Genowefa Blundo Canto
Cultural safety - Loubna Belaid and Neil Andersson

External validity in program evaluation

Seminar organised by [Doug Besharov](#) (University of Maryland) and [Anne Revillard](#) (LIEPP, Sciences Po)

While program evaluation has been characterized by increased methodological sophistication to ensure the robustness of conclusions developed on the specific cases or sites under study, less attention has been paid to external validity, i.e., the extent to which these conclusions may apply to other contexts. This seminar brings together scholars and practitioners conducting evaluative research in a diversity of disciplines, to open a discussion on external validity from different methodological perspectives.

Programme:

9:30-10:45: Session 1

- Introductions, by Anne Revillard (LIEPP, Sciences Po), Douglas J. Besharov (University of Maryland), Martin Weber (Director of Audit Chamber II, Investments for Cohesion, Growth and Inclusion of the European Court of Auditors), and Bastiaan de Laat (Head, OECD In-depth Evaluation).
- “Learning about External Validity from Multiple Literatures” (Jeff Smith, University of Wisconsin)

Discussant : Valérie Pattyn (Leiden University)

10:45-11:00: Coffee break

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11:00-12:30: Session 2

- “Differing Program Environments and Limited Replications Constrain Generalization: The Case of Published Evaluations of School Finance Policies” (Danielle Handel and Eric Hanushek, Stanford University)

Discussant: Priscilla Alamos Concha (Radboud University)

- “Improving the Usefulness and Use of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses to Inform Policy and Practice” (Rebecca Maynard, University of Pennsylvania)

Discussant : Ana Manzano (University of Leeds)

12:30-14:00: Lunch break

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14:00-16:30: Session 3

- “The Logic of Generalization from Systematic Reviews to Policy and Practice” (Julia Littell, Bryn Mawr College)

Discussant : Thomas Delahais (Quadrant Conseil)

- “How Mixed-Methods Research Can Improve the Policy Relevance of Impact Evaluations” (Burt Barnow and Sanjay Pandey, George Washington University)

Discussants : Quan-Nha Hong (University of Montreal) and Sergi Fàbregues (Catalunya Open University)

- "Does Evidence-Based Policymaking Work for Local Policymakers When Rigorous Impact Evidence Comes from Other Localities?" (Larry Orr, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)

Discussant: David Seidenfeld (American Institutes for Research, International Development Division)

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16:45-17:45: Internal work session with authors

Chairs: Doug Besharov (University of Maryland) and Anne Revillard (Sciences Po)

Invited participants: Irene Akua Agyepong (Ghana Health Service), Priscilla Alamos Concha (Radboud University), Burt Barnow (George Washington University), Douglas M. Call (University of Maryland), Bart Cambré (Antwerp Management School), Thomas Delahais (Quadrant Conseil), Sergi Fàbregues (Catalunya Open University), Bui Thi Thu Ha (Hanoi University of Public health), Danielle Handel (Stanford University), Eric Hanushek (Stanford University), Quan-Nha Hong (University of Montreal), Sumit Kane (University of Melbourne), Julia Littell (Bryn Mawr College), Ana Manzano (University of Leeds), Rebecca Maynard (University of Pennsylvania), Tolib Mirzoev (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), Sanjay Pandey (George Washington University), Valérie Pattyn (Leiden University), Valéry Ridde (Université Paris Cité, IRD), Benoît Rihoux (Université catholique de Louvain), Jeff Smith (University of Wisconsin), Sara Van Belle (, Geoff Wong (Oxford University)

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